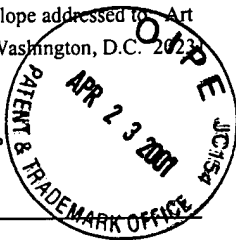


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In re application of:

Brenneman *et al.*

Application No.: 09/267,511

Filed: March 12, 1999

For: PREVENTION OF FETAL
ALCOHOL SYNDROME AND
NEURONAL CELL DEATH WITH
ADNF POLYPEPTIDES

Examiner: Sharon L. Turner

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition to extend the time for response for three months, from January 20, 2001 to April 20, 2001, is submitted herewith (in triplicate).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3 and 12 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for reducing a condition associated with fetal alcohol syndrome in a subject who is exposed to alcohol *in utero*, the method comprising administering to the subject an ADNF polypeptide in an amount sufficient to reduce the condition associated with fetal alcohol syndrome, wherein the ADNF polypeptide is a member selected from the group consisting of:

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